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U.S. Patent 5,594,653
U.S. Patent 5,800,081
U.S. Patent 5,867,720
U.S. Patent 5,872,635
U.S. Patent 5,940,653
U.S. Patent 6,021,284
U.S. Patent 6,100,996

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,594,653	1/14/97	Akiyama, et al	364	468.24	
	5,800,081	9/1/98	Teradaira, et al	400	74	
	5,867,720	2/2/99	Hirano	395	750.06	
	5,872,635	2/16/99	Akiyama	358	296	
	5,940,653	8/17/99	Maekawa, et al	399	9	
	6,021,284	2/1/00	Serizawa, et al	399	8	
	6,100,996	8/8/00	Amano, et al	358	1.9	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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